

ARTESIAN WATER.

Something That Would be of Immense Value to This Part of New Mexico.

There has been a great deal of talk about the possibility of getting artesian water here and still more as to the great benefits which would be derived if artesian water could be found in any considerable quantity.

No very persistent effort has been made to find artesian water in this part of the territory except at Deming. At that place many thousands of dollars were expended in the endeavor to secure artesian water but the attempt was unsuccessful. There is plenty of water at Deming, in fact the place and the surrounding country lies over a vast subterranean lake which furnishes a never failing source of supply of water of excellent quality, but it has to be pumped to the surface. The soil is of such a loose character that artesian water cannot be obtained there except at a great depth.

Some years ago Woodward Bros., of this place, started to put down an artesian well near the railroad round house here but after going a few hundred feet the project was abandoned.

Since the water question has become of so great importance to the residents of this territory, it might be worth while to settle the question of artesian water. If thousands of dollars can be raised in a town of the size of Deming for the purpose of putting down a well, there is no reason why the same thing could not be done in larger towns. A town like Silver City, for example, ought to raise money enough to put down a well 2,000 feet at the least. A well of such a depth would be a fair test as to whether artesian water could be found or not. If the well should result in a failure to find water, the question would be settled and the loss to the residents of the city would not be large, but if, on the other hand, artesian water should be found, the benefit to the town could hardly be estimated.

To mining towns like Pinos Altos or Mogollon, artesian water would be of great value. For weeks the mines in both these camps have been producing only a fraction of what they could produce and what they would have produced if there had been a sufficient water supply to enable the mills to treat the ore mined. In many of the camps of the territory the water supply is so uncertain that mines can be worked at very little profit and in some of the camps there is no water at all and the mines have remained, for the most part, undeveloped.

It is hardly probable that artesian water could be found in all or nearly all the camps in the territory which have

an insufficient supply of water, but it might be found in some of them.

With the the proper machinery wells of a sufficient diameter could be sunk to a depth of 2000 feet at a cost not to exceed \$1 a foot in rock of ordinary hardness.

Death's Victim.

M. H. Hinton, brother of Mrs. A. C. Barney, died at the residence of the latter, yesterday morning, at 5 o'clock, of Bright's disease of the kidneys. The funeral took place from his sister's residence at 2:30, this afternoon.

The deceased was born January 22nd, 1841, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and consequently was fifty-three years, nine months and nineteen days old at the time of his death.

His early days were spent in the south, where he followed his profession as artist and portrait painter. He subsequently removed to St. Louis, and engaged extensively in the buying of cotton. In 1876, he came to New Mexico, and located in Silver City, near which place he has large and valuable silver properties. After the silver panic prostrated that line of business, Mr. Hinton came to Las Vegas, making this place his subsequent home.

He was a man of few words, and not of a large social acquaintance, but those who knew him best admired him most. As an artist, and especially as a portrait painter, he has no superior in the west. His sister and aged mother have the sympathy of the community, in this affliction, which all must know sooner or later. The wife of the deceased is dangerously ill of brain fever, at St. Louis, and does not yet know of her husband's death.—Las Vegas Optic.

The Sisters of Mercy cleared \$250 at the supper given by them at Brockman hall last Wednesday evening.

Reopening of the Custom House.

The following letter is self explanatory:

Department of state, Washington, Oct. 30, 1894.

Messrs. G. Wormser & Co., and others, Deming, New Mexico.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to your letter of the 1st ultimo, in which you asked the intervention of the department to bring about the reopening of the custom house at Palomas, Mexico, I have to apprise you of the receipt of a dispatch from the United States minister to Mexico, by which it appears that the matter is now before the Mexican treasury department, which will obtain reports as to the workings of the law of October 30, 1893, before reaching a final decision.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ALVAY A. ADEE,

Acting Secretary.

—Deming Headlight.

A Card of Thanks.

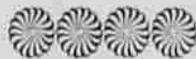
The Sisters of Mercy wish to tender their sincere thanks to their many friends, who have been so generous in contributing to make the supper a success, especially to the ladies, who devoted so much time and labor in making arrangements for the occasion.

The election will be held in January for precinct officers. For justice of the peace, the names mentioned are L. I. Marshall, the present incumbent, Frank Priser, Ed. Pennington and J. B. Hodgdon. John Phillips and Will Tossell will likely be the candidates for constable.—Deming Headlight.

The juries for this term of court were not filled until Thursday of last week. Additional jurors had to be summoned to fill the places of those who were over the legal age and those who were for other reasons disqualified.

Quite a number of attorneys are in attendance at court from points outside of this county.

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W. M. Murphey.